

Filed for intro on 02/23/95
House Bill _____
By _____

Senate No. SJR0075
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Samuel R. Bacon.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in our deliberations to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens, who by means of their consummate professionalism and generous public service, have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Samuel R. Bacon is most assuredly one such outstanding citizen who is deserving of special recognition and commendation; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 1963, Samuel Bacon took a much deserved retirement after more than thirty-five years of astute service as a soil scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his 35 plus years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, almost all of which service consisted of field duty, Mr. Bacon conducted soil analyses in eleven states plus Washington, D.C., and he expertly examined and mapped soils for the National Arboretum and the USDA's farm at Beltsville; and

WHEREAS, his analytical eye also evaluated and recorded soil information on almost 5 million acres of land ranging from Nebraska and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon can truly claim, without fear of challenge, to be the most experienced soil scientist in the history of the profession, both in terms of years in the field and variety of soils mapped; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the consummate professional, Mr. Bacon has authored six published soil survey reports, and has assisted in the completion of many more; he never experienced a lost time accident or injury during the course of his employment with USDA; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maryland, Mr. Bacon graduated from the University of Maryland in 1924 and began his employment with the old Bureau of Chemistry and Soils in 1928; he subsequently transferred to the Bureau of Plant Industries in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon's first assignment in Tennessee was at Knoxville in November 1938; he grew to love the Volunteer State as a second home and greatly enjoyed his subsequent assignments in Maryville, Dickson, McMinnville, Cookeville, Smithville, Greenville, Bristol and a host of other Tennessee cities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon has always been a public-spirited citizen who regards civic service as a privilege rather than a duty; during the Depression, he served with acumen and industry on several of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt's projects in Tennessee, Pennsylvania and West Virginia to establish subsistence homesteads; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bacon has also generously donated his time and considerable talents to Meals on Wheels and the Cumberland Arts Commission, and he is a zealous supporter of the Tennessee Technological University Agricultural Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this Body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize Samuel R. Bacon as a stellar representative of the true spirit of Tennessee and our proud heritage of volunteerism now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Samuel R. Bacon upon more than thirty-five years of meritorious service to the U.S. Department of Agriculture; salute his bountiful life of purpose,

commitment and generosity toward his fellow human beings; and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.